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CAL WATER TO BEGIN MAJOR PIPELINE REPLACEMENT ON MOONEY BOULEVARD (HIGHWAY 63) IN VISALIA

VISALIA, Calif. — On June 6, 2007, California Water Service Company (Cal Water) will begin a major pipeline replacement project on Mooney Boulevard from Packwood Creek to Noble Avenue that will increase reliability of the water system and improve its capacity for firefighting.

The project, which is expected to be completed in October, will involve adding several fire hydrants and replacing two miles of six- and eight-inch water mains with 12-inch water mains. Crews will be working between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., which should minimize the impact on businesses in the area.

Cal Water scheduled the pipeline replacement to coincide with a Cal Trans street-widening project scheduled for January to reduce the overall cost of the project, in turn reducing its effect on customer water rates.

“We are always cognizant of the need to provide reliable, high-quality water services as efficiently as possible,” said Cal Water District Manager Phil Mirwald.

The construction will take place 1,000 feet at a time to reduce traffic delays; additionally, one lane in each direction will be kept open at all times. As the new water lines are connected to the existing system, water service may be interrupted for brief

periods. Affected customers will be notified prior to scheduled service interruptions to minimize inconvenience.

Residents can find updates on the construction progress by logging on to Cal Water's web site at www.calwater.com. Cal Water also encourages its customers to call 559-624-1600 with any questions or concerns.

Cal Water has provided water utility services in Visalia since 1927. Additional information about the company may be obtained online at www.calwater.com.

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